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*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

Drastic Republican Budget Cuts Threaten Well-Being of Minnesotans

Washington, DC - In a series of community events this week, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) will discuss the specifics of the \$60 billion in budget cuts for Fiscal Year 2011. These reductions were spearheaded by Congressional Tea Party Republicans. Last week, the House of Representatives passed federal spending legislation that drastically slashed funding for critical government programs such as Head Start, women's health services, public broadcasting, Pell Grants, and many more. All residents of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional district will be impacted if this spending plan is signed into law.

Congresswoman McCollum will visit the Ruth Benner Head Start Site, meet leaders at Planned Parenthood's Rice Street Clinic, and attend the "Stand Up for Public Broadcasting" rally. The latest assault from Republicans will: deny Head Start admission to 12,000 Minnesota children; eliminate all federal funding for Planned Parenthood clinics, which provide critical health care services to low-income women; and completely wipe out federal funding for public radio and television stations.

WHO: Congresswoman Betty McCollum

WHAT: Visit to Ruth Benner Head Start Site

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, 9-9:30 AM

WHERE: 586 Fuller Avenue Saint Paul MN 55103-2245

WHO: Congresswoman Betty McCollum

WHAT: Visit to Planned Parenthood's Rice Street Clinic

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, 10-10:30 AM

WHERE: 1700-L Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55113

WHO: Congresswoman Betty McCollum

WHAT: Stand Up for Public Broadcasting Rally

WHEN: Thursday, February 24, 11 AM

WHERE: Cray Plaza (formerly Gaultier Plaza), downtown St. Paul, MN

Media outlets interested in attending any of these events are asked to RSVP to Maria Reppas at maria.reppas@mail.house.gov or 202-225-6631.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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